

Establishing A Pilot Program For Alternative Fuel And Committing To Create A Green Fleet Policy

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Loughran and Legislators Richard Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk, and Wawro), The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, and Richard Parete), and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairman John R. Parete offers the following:

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency motor vehicles are responsible for 50% of the nitrogen oxide pollution, 42% of the volatile organic compounds, 25% of particulate matter and 80% of carbon monoxide emissions; and

WHEREAS, Governments and Industries across the country are pursuing various alternative fuels, including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), hybrid and electric for their fleets; and

WHEREAS, the County's fleet of vehicles allows our employees to deliver necessary services to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports the development of a sustainable plan for County owned vehicles that is environmentally conscious while curbing government spending; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County is behind the curve in the use of alternatives to gas as a fuel source for county owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the vast improvements to available technologies affords Ulster County the opportunity to aggressively examine the economic viability of natural gas, hybrid and electric sources; and

WHEREAS, pilot programs in Departments within the County structure could efficiently evaluate cost effectiveness of multiple fuel alternatives to determine the best option for the County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff VanBlarcum agrees with the importance of investigating cost saving initiatives and requested funding for a pilot program utilizing Propane as an alternative fuel source in his 2015 proposed Budget; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, the Energy and Environment Committee will craft a sustainable green fleet policy which includes specific goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a pilot program is hereby established to convert five vehicles to LPG,

moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

No action taken in Committee: Energy and Environment on September 15, 2014

Postponed in Committee: Energy and Environment on October 8, 2014

Postponed in Committee: Energy and Environment on November 10, 2014

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment as amended on December 8, 2014

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on December 15, 2014

Referred back to The Energy and Environment Committee and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee by Ways and Means on December 17, 2014

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on _____.

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$25,000.00- ESTIMATED COST